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OGC HAS REVIEWED.

MEMORANDUM

26 October 1948

TO: General Counsel

THRU: [REDACTED]

FROM: Chief, FBM

SUBJ: Damage in Shipment of Household Effects of Mr. [REDACTED]

1. In connection with the transfer of [REDACTED] to his present post of duty at [REDACTED] certain expenses were incurred as a result of shipment of household effects in excess of the maximum weight allowance then authorized. [REDACTED] has indicated to me in a memorandum dated 3 September 1948 that the excess weight may have been the result of improper packing.

2. Also in connection with the above-mentioned shipment, [REDACTED] claims that numerous items were broken or damaged as a result of faulty packing and handling.

3. [REDACTED] states that a particular firm [REDACTED] was recommended to him by members of this organization as experienced export packers, and engaged this firm upon our recommendation. He then complains of the most unsatisfactory manner in which his shipment was handled and states that the [REDACTED] firm has gone out of business and strongly protests "being saddled with the type of outfit Karlin turned out to be....".

4. I am not personally acquainted with all the facts in this case and have written the above, based upon [REDACTED]'s memorandum to me dated 3 September 1948 and copy of his letter to [REDACTED] dated 7 May 1948. However, I am advised that there has been an exchange of correspondence between Washington and [REDACTED] on this matter. The Cargo Unit may have knowledge of the case.

5. I have written to [REDACTED] stating that I would request the administrative and legal offices to determine if remedial action could be considered by this organization and that I would advise him of the decision. It is requested that you consider the attached memorandum from [REDACTED] dated 3 September 1948 and the copy of his letter to [REDACTED] dated 7 May 1948 and determine if it would be proper for [REDACTED] to file a claim against this organization for breakage and damage to his household effects by an apparently irresponsible shipping concern recommended by members of this organization. I am advised that in accordance with Foreign Service Regulations 592.1 that under certain conditions claims of this nature might be made by members of the foreign service. [REDACTED]

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